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After forgetting many of their obligations to the people the state legislature adjourned last Saturday.

The passing of the Thaw case will see the passing of Jerome. This particular disciple of Blackstone is altogether too savage and merciless for enlightened civilization.

Perhaps Portland wants to annex St. Johns for the purpose of allowing her to help pay the big bond issue of \$2,500,000 that the suburb up the river will vote on in June. Surely there is a method in her madness.

If there is any one in St. Johns who advocates the annexation of St. Johns to Portland let them explain the advantages derived by Northern Hill and Portsmouth by being within the city limits of Portland. The splendid water service and efficient police protection for instance.

Let us hope before any more street improvements are ordered in St. Johns a plat showing the grades on all the streets will be on file in the city hall. A person well-informed on the matter informs The Review that when the plat is made establishing the grades, many of the streets recently improved are liable to be changed by the grade governing the whole city. If this is correct, it may be well to order what we will eventually be compelled to have at once.

Slowly, but surely the farmers are organizing to eliminate the greedy middle men who have absorbed their legitimate profits for years. With a farmers' trust thoroughly organized and properly officered the boost that will be given prices of all farm produce is something awful to contemplate. As it is now the exacting middle or commission man gets what belongs to the producer, and it is to cut off this graft that the farmers are organizing to protect themselves.

The newspaper stories to the effect that the stamps issued to presidential post offices were to bear across their face the name of the city to which they were issued have been spoiled by an order just issued by the postmaster general, saying that such a step would cost too much. "As a matter of fact, however, no action has been taken by Postmaster General Cortelyou toward carrying out this recommendation. No arrangements have been made to print the name of post offices upon any stamps, and for the present nothing of the kind is contemplated."

Willie Wagtail, the youth who furnishes the St. Johns news for the Portland Journal, ought to be given a medal. As a distorter of facts he is a past master. Extended every courtesy by all he reciprocates by publishing anything and everything but the truth about the city. To mislead the readers of the Portland paper he has even attacked individuals. This has been tolerated for a month or more on the supposition that he had been misinformed. The prominence given his outburst of last Saturday cannot be overlooked, and if the misstatement of facts continues, that continuously increasing circulation of the Journal's will receive a severe jolt. The managing editor of the Portland paper will do well to call the ambitious young fellow to account.

Some kind friend at Superior, Wis., sends The Review a cartoon clipped from The Duluth News-Tribune labeled "Contrasts in the Weather." Two scenes are represented. The upper one is a picnic scene with the dinner spread on the ground under the trees, and is supposed to represent the weather conditions in Duluth in February. The lower one pictures a man heavily muffled plodding through the snow drifts in Dixie. Under the cartoon the West Superiorite writes, "Can Oregon beat Duluth weather?" Can a duck swim? With the grass as green in Oregon right now as it will be in Duluth next June we must say yes. Put on your clippers and puff up the hill, Miss West Superior, and gaze on the tons of ice and the whalebacks frozen up in the harbor, and then imagine the ships steaming down the Willamette and the tulips blooming on the St. Johns lawns and draw your own conclusions. Yes, Oregon weather has the Duluth article beaten a mile. Wait until next July and then you will be enjoying February weather in Oregon in the Zenith city.

Champagne water is said to have flowed broad and deep at Cazadero Tuesday.

Portland knows a good thing when she sees it, and wants to annex St. Johns. How modest! But not this year, grandma.

If it had not been for Gov. Chamberlain there is no telling where the extravagance of the legislature would have ended. And the governor is a dyed-in-the-wool democrat at that.

The first of March County Assessor Sigler will send his deputies down to St. Johns to begin the assessment of property. Judging by the work of last year the man who did the work had the St. Vitus dance or delirium tremens—perhaps both.

The time is opportune for the people of St. Johns to get together and stand as a unit. Every person should work for St. Johns first, last and all the time. Bury personal differences and become progressive. Forget self and work for the welfare of the whole city.

The only reason that the tax levy in St. Johns is 21 mills is that it was placed to clear the city of all debts. It has been frequently argued that a portion of the debt should have been left so that future residents could assist in its payment, but the people believed in the policy of paying as you go.

The Jones enabling act, that will allow the revised charter to be submitted to a vote of the people at the city election to be held April 1, passed the legislature and is now a law. It will, however, take considerable rapid work on the part of the city council, charter commission and the people to pass upon the document and put it in shape to be voted upon at the coming election a month hence.

The claim of Councilmen King, Raser, Walker and Bredeen and City Engineer Goodrich that the city hall would have been completed several months ago if it had not been for the interference of Councilmen Norton, Hewitt and Dobie is an absurd one. The first four gentlemen constitute the majority and the last three the minority in the council. As the majority rules and has everything its own way, it is difficult to see where the minority have impeded progress. The minority cannot control legislation.

During the discussion of the charter question at the council chamber Tuesday evening it was the consensus of opinion that the chair was too abrupt in ruling Attorney Perkins out of order when he attempted to read and explain the new law now awaiting the Governor's signature. Even if council was willing to stand in its own light and refused to listen to the expounding of the new doctrine, the citizens assembled had a right to know the proper course to pursue in getting the proposed new charter before the public. Too much knowledge is seldom injurious, and when a man labors as long and as faithfully as did Mr. Perkins on a thankless job like the reconstruction of the charter he has a right to an audience even before such a dignified, august and arbitrary body as the city council.

One of our merchants who read the article in The Review last week remonstrating against allowing Portland and other firms to daub the sides of the buildings in St. Johns with signs said: "The suggestion in The Review that the people of St. Johns call a halt on this sign business is a good one. I, for one, would be glad to use space on buildings in the city to advertise my own business. Perhaps other merchants would be glad of the chance. We would be willing to pay a nominal rent for the use of these buildings, too. We are all trying to build up our city, and I believe the home people should be given a chance. We can afford to advertise our business as well as the Portland firms. If any one wishes to daub their buildings with colors let them consult the home people. The best way would be to prohibit the painting of all signs. There is no need of making a bill board out of the city, especially for outside firms."

Saturday Special

MARCH 2nd

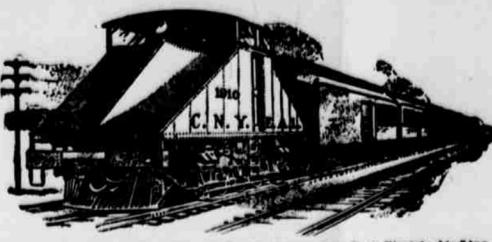
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COUNCIL

What Was Done at the Meeting Tuesday Night.

The council held an adjourned meeting at the city hall Wednesday evening with all members present. The minutes of the previous meetings were read and approved after slight alterations.

In a communication City Attorney Greene gave an opinion on the improvement bonds to the effect that the people have the right to make use of the bonding act. The communication was accepted and placed on file.

The Charleston and Hayes street improvements were reported completed by the city engineer, and were accepted.

A lengthy communication was secured from City Engineer Goodrich characterizing the statement made by one of the members of the council to the effect that "the material in the city hall is of poor quality, and that the building was falling down" as a barefaced falsehood. The engineer also took up and discussed in his letter other statements made by the same member in regard to the city hall when he said "only recently an attempt was made to saddle the numerous debts of the contractors upon the city, but the mayor came to the rescue and refused to sign the notices," saying that he took this action himself upon the advice of his father after the contractors had refused to paint, or pipe the city hall for gas. He also stated that the city has on hand \$9553 of the total amount of the Youngford contract of \$7953, and that the outstanding debts of the contractors will not amount to more than \$3500. Mr. Goodrich also stated that the enforcement of section 6 of the contract with the Youngford had the effect of compelling them to proceed with the work.

When the reading was finished Ald. Norton gave notice that he would reply to it at the next meeting, and objected to its being placed on record because it scurrilized a member of the council.

Ald. Hewitt also objected to placing it on record, saying that part of the statements were incorrect.

To place it on record Ald. King, Raser, Walker and Bredeen voted yes, and Ald. Norton, Dobie and Hewitt voted no.

Ald. Hewitt moved that the Richmond street matter be laid on the table. This was amended so as to reject the proposition and discharge the viewers. Carried.

The matter of the revised charter brought out a long discussion. The mayor thought it should be read in public before being acted upon by the council.

City Attorney Greene stated that immediate action should be taken, as only thirty-two days remained before the city election. The notices submitting the revised charter to a vote of the people would have to be posted at least twenty days before the election, and 15 per cent of the voters of the city must petition the council to bring it before the people. Mr. Greene suggested that a special committee be appointed to expedite matters.

Ald. Hewitt wanted to know if the charter was on hand and if it had been certified by the charter commission. He wanted something to show that it was a correct copy of the charter as revised. Secretary Perkins, of the charter commission, explained his position, and began an interpretation of the new law as to the manner of getting it before the people for adoption, when he was cut short by the chair.

The charter was finally referred back to the commission for certification.

The mayor reported that he had been instructed to furnish the county court a certified list of goods furnished the poor, which was ordered done.

R. C. Clark was appointed a special policeman for school district No. 2 at a salary of 50 cents a year.

The plumbing ordinance was read the second time and put to sleep on its third reading by a vote of 4 to 3.

Election officers were appointed as follows:

Second ward—Geo. Simmons, N. A. Gee, P. Hill, judges; E. C. Hurlbert, C. Bailey, clerks.

First ward—F. W. Valentine, P. S. Hanson, J. Poff, judges; O. E. Learned, A. W. Davis, clerks.

It was decided that the council hold a meeting in one of the large halls to read the charter in public, and Ald. Dobie, Bredeen and Walker were appointed a committee to secure a hall, provide advertising, etc.

Ald. Norton stated that a depot and station agent had been promised for the O. R. & N. railroad by a number of Portland capitalists. He thought the Tacoma street near the mills should be improved.

READING ROOM

Subscriptions Due and Payable to the Treasurer.

At the last meeting of the board of trustees of the Reading room T. J. Monahan, E. E. McVicker, B. T. Leggett, A. M. Esson and Miss Minnie McClave were elected as the executive committee, and were empowered to transact all business and furnish the reading room with all fixtures, and employ the needed help with the assistance of Miss Fox of the Portland library. J. T. Brooks was elected from the trustees at large as treasurer. According to the subscriptions given on the first of March they are now collectible as the executive committee has commenced its work. We hope each one who has subscribed will not make it necessary for the treasurer to hunt them up and collect their dues, but that they will call on the treasurer in the rear of Bonham & Currier's Dry Goods store in the Holbrook block and pay their subscriptions or assessments, as the extra heavy expense comes at the first. Let every one be prompt in paying that the room may be in operation immediately. E. E. McVicker, Sec.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is Both Agreeable and Effective.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has no superior for coughs, colds and croup, and the fact that it is pleasant to take and contains nothing in any way injurious has made it a favorite with mothers. Mr. W. S. Pelham, a merchant of Kirksville, Iowa, says: "For more than twenty years Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has been my leading remedy for all throat troubles. It is especially successful in cases of croup. Children like it and my customers who have used it will not take any other." For sale by St. Johns Drug Store.

Communication.

Ed. Review: A remark was recently made by a member of the council before that honorable body that the material in the city hall is of poor quality and the building is falling down. This is a broad assertion and I desire to state here that this is untrue. The building is not built of poor material neither is it falling down.

In designing this building we observed throughout its construction a factor of safety of four, and the building is designed according to the building laws of the city of New York. C. L. Goodrich, City Engineer.

Rebekah Entertainment.

Laurelwood Lodge of Rebekahs No. 160, gave an interesting entertainment at their local lodge room Wednesday night. The earlier part of the evening was devoted to games, after which a short literary program was rendered. Among the numbers given were several piano solos by R. H. Gallaway; a piano solo by Misses Robinson and Thayer; select readings by Miss Chase and Miss Blanche Johnson. J. B. Hall gave several piano selections. Mrs. Geo. Hall was in charge of program. The most amusing feature of the evening was the millinery display, the men acting as trimmers. The ladies furnished the hats and trimming and prizes were offered for the best and worst trimmed hats.

Alice Roosevelt's Wedding

Was something to be recorded in the annals of history. Herbine has been acknowledged the greatest of liver regulators. A positive cure for Bilious headaches, Constipation, Chills and Fever, and all liver complaints. J. C. Smith, Little Rock, Ark., writes: "Herbine is the greatest liver medicine known. Have used it for years. It does the work." Sold by St. Johns' Drug Store.

Card of Thanks.

I want to heartily thank those who so cheerfully donated money for the purpose of paying off the indebtedness on the home of Mrs. Atkinson, a widow, living in Oak Park, No. 2. I am happy to be able to state that the debt is paid, and she has a deed to the property clear of all incumbrances. Mrs. S. C. Cook.

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A Fine Lunch Served Every Day.

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GET A PIECE OF PAPER AND SIT DOWN AND figure up how long it will take lots that are selling at \$40, \$50, \$60, \$80 and \$100 each, and within a half mile of St. Johns, to double in value.

Call to mind the fact that barely a little over five years ago lots in St. Johns were selling at the same prices, and that blocks that are now worth from \$50,000 to \$100,000 sold for \$500 each.

Then ask yourself why a small investment in the

Lots at Linnton!

would not be a good way to double your money in a short time. There is plenty of deep water frontage on the opposite bank of the river. This means more industries. Do you see the point?

The new turpentine and alcohol plant is going up. Other industries will soon follow. This will cause the price of real estate to advance. Better get in now while prices are low. They will advance in the near future. It will cost nothing to investigate. Let us show you. Ten per cent down and \$5 per month.

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St. Johns, Ore.

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The Review will keep you posted.

To Make Money

from real estate investments care should be exercised in buying. The man who makes the most money out of real estate is he who invests in property that will increase in value rapidly.

Some Rare Bargains

are to be found in our list of desirable properties. A visit to our office and an investigation of property listed with us will prove that no better investment can be made anywhere in St. Johns than the purchase of some of our late offerings. Call and let us show you what we have.

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